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Nebraska Sesquicentennial



Public Speaking Contest for Nebraska Youth

sponsored by

The Nebraska Rotary Clubs and GFWC Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs

We invite high school youth to speak on/or some aspect of...

“Reflecting, Celebrating, Inspiring and Embracing”

to reflect on who we were, celebrate who we are and inspire future generations while embracing our cultural diversity.

Honoring Nebraska's Sesquicentennial — 150th Anniversary of Statehood

RULES

- Open to high school age students in Nebraska — grades 9 through 12. Two entries per school.
- Original, prepared speech; maximum 10 minutes. Speaker may use mounted script. (See Judging Criteria Sheet)
- Representative per local high school may be assisted by local Rotary Club, Woman's Club or other S150 committee or their school district.
- Local Rotary Club/NFWC Women's Club sponsorship encouraged but not required. Their endorsement/sponsorship is encouraged. Clubs may sponsor students from surrounding schools as well!
- Registration fee — \$15.00 non refundable. Entry fee may be paid by entrant, service club, committee or school.
- Upon registration details will follow to participants. State winner receives a \$150.00 scholarship. All entrants receive medals and certificate. Winners receive trophies and ribbons.
- Prizes and awards for finalists and winners. Winning speaker will be invited to various activities and events in 2017!
- Housing information available on request.
- Entry deadline November 25, 2016.

Competition Finals

(Contestants compete in two rounds, finals follow)

December 10, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

Seward Civic Center, 616 Bradford Avenue, Seward, NE 68434

Please send registration — name, address, phone number, entry fee and high school contestant to:

S150 Youth Public Speaking Competition
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Local Hosts:
Seward Rotary Club
GFWC Seward Woman's Club
Seward S150 Committee
Seward County Visitor's Committee

TYPE OR PRINT	
NAME	_____
ADDRESS	_____
CITY	_____, NE _____
E-MAIL	_____
PHONE:	_____ Entry Fee Included: _____
COACH NAME	_____
SCHOOL	_____ GRADE _____
COACH E-MAIL	_____
SPONSORED BY:	NFWC Women's Club _____
	Rotary Club _____
	School _____
	Other _____
ENTRY DATE	_____

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Judging Criteria

Thesis

- Is there a clearly stated thesis?
- Is it appropriate to the speech's purpose? It is justified, reasonable, genuine and creative?
- Is there depth to the analysis?

Organization

- Is there an appropriate introduction?
- Is the speech logical and coherent?
- Is the structure clear and suitable?
- Are ideas effectively linked?
- Is the ending clear and satisfying?

Content

- Is there sufficient supporting material?
- Is the supporting material relevant, reliable, adequate and documented?
- Is there critical thought, creativity and originality?
- Do examples and details add interest and depth?
- Does the speech maintain attention and interest?

Style and Language

- Is language/vocabulary appropriate to the purpose?
- Is there effective word choice?
- Are grammar and mechanics correct?
- Is there color, variety, clarity and vividness?

Delivery

- Is the delivery technique appropriate to the purpose?
- Is delivery direct, extemporaneous, polished, poised and conversational?
- Is there effective eye contact, movement, timing, volume, poise and pace?

Entry Disqualified

- Extensive Paraphrasing
- Use of visuals
- Obviously not an original speech
- More than 150 quoted words
- Use of notecard (scripted allowed)
- At the request of the Judge - at conclusion of speech, not providing a manuscript (bring printed manuscript to the contest)

Time

- 10 minute maximum time limit - no minimum!
- Entry lowered one rank for overtime exceeding 30 seconds!
- Penalty for overtime exceeding 30 seconds

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